COATS & CLARK

FREE LEAFLET W.976

The Big Beautiful Poncho

to knit in
Coats & Clark's
Red Heart Knitting Worsted
...requires only
24 oz. of yarn.

See Other Side for Directions

PONCHO

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COATS & CLARK'S RED HEART® KNITTING WORSTED, 4 Ply ("Tangle-Proof" Pull-Out Skeins): 16 ounces of No. 255 Burnt Orange, 3 ounces of No. 111 Eggshell and 5 ounces of No. 365 Coffee.

Circular Needle No. 10, 29-inch length.

GAUGE: 4 sts = 1 inch;
8 rows = 1 inch.

Note: 2 worked rows appear as 1 row.

Be sure to check your gauge before starting poncho. Use any size needle which will obtain the stitch gauge above.

A circular needle is recommended to accommodate a greater number of stitches. Do not join. Work in **ROWS.**

BACK Starting at lower edge with Burnt Orange, cast on 201 sts. Turn. Mark the 101st stitch for center stitch. **Foundation row:** * K 1, p 1. Repeat from * across to within center st, p center st, ** p 1, k 1. Repeat from ** to end of row. **1st row—right side:** * P 1, *insert needle in next st of the row below and complete a k st, then slip st from left-hand needle*—**one k below made.** Repeat from * across to within 2 sts before center st, p 2 tog, k below in center st, p 2 tog, ** k 1 below, p 1. Repeat from ** to end of row. **Note: Hereafter, work every k st in the row below. 2nd row:** K 1, * p 1, k 1. Repeat from * across. **3rd row:** Work in ribbing as established to within 2 sts before center st, p 2 tog, k center st, p 2 tog, complete row in ribbing as established. **4th row:** Work in k 1, p 1 ribbing to within 2 sts before center st, k 2, p center st, k 2, complete row in ribbing as established. Repeat last 4 rows for pattern. **Next 12 rows:** Work even in pattern. **Note:** Always carry yarn not in use loosely along side edge. **Next 38 rows:** Continuing in pattern as before, work color stripes as follows: Drop Orange, attach Coffee. With Coffee work 2 rows, drop Coffee, attach Eggshell. With Eggshell work 4 rows, with Coffee 2 rows, with Orange 4 rows, with Coffee 2 rows, with Eggshell 10 rows, with Coffee 2 rows, with Orange 4 rows, with Coffee 2 rows, with Eggshell 4 rows and with Coffee 2 rows. Break off Coffee and Eggshell. Now continue with Orange only, until 53 sts remain. **Next row:** K 2 tog across, ending with k 1. Bind off in purling.

FRONT Work same as Back until 93 sts remain, ending with a wrong-side row.

Front Opening: Work to within 2 sts before center st, p 3 tog; place these 45 sts just worked onto a stitch holder to be worked later. Work over sts on needle only as follows: **1st row:** P 2 tog, complete row in pattern as established. **2nd row:** Work in pattern across. Repeat last 2 rows until 26 sts remain, ending at front edge. **Next row:** Work first 8 sts, then k 2 tog across. Bind off loosely in purling. Slip sts from holder onto needle, attach Orange at neck edge and work to correspond with other side.

Matching stripes, sew side seams.

COLLAR Starting at outer edge with Orange, cast on 77 sts. **Foundation row:** P 1, * k 1, p 1. Repeat from * across. **1st row:** K 1 below, * p 1, k 1 below. Repeat from * across. **2nd row:** P 1, * k 1 below, p 1. Repeat from * across. Repeat last 2 rows for pattern. Work 2 rows even. **Next 38 rows:** Keeping in pattern, work color stripes same as on Back. Break off Coffee and Eggshell. With Orange, work 2 rows. **Next 2 rows:** Bind off 22 sts at beg of each row. **Following row:** P 2 tog, work in pattern to within last 2 sts, p 2 tog. Repeat last row until 3 sts remain. P 3 tog. Break off and fasten—this is center point of Collar. Fold ½ inch at each short edge of Collar to wrong side and sew in place.

With right side facing, crochet hook, using Orange, and being careful to keep work flat, sc along entire front opening.

Matching bound-off sts of Collar to bound-off sts of neck edges of Fronts, with center point of Collar at center of Back, sew Collar in place.

CORD Cut four 4-yard strands of Coffee, twist these strands tightly in one direction, fold in half and twist in opposite direction. Knot free ends. Lace cord along front edges of neck opening and tie at neck.

FRINGE Cut 3 strands of Coffee, each 8 inches long. Double these strands to form a loop. Insert hook in the center st of Back at lower edge and draw loop through. Draw ends through loop and pull up tightly to form a knot. Knot strands as before in every k stitch along entire lower edge. Trim evenly.

ABBREVIATIONS

k ..... knit
p ..... purl
tog ..... together
beg ..... beginning
st(s) ..... stitch(es)

* or ** Repeat whatever follows the * or ** as many times as specified.

"WORK EVEN" Continue working the pattern as before over the same number of stitches without increasing or decreasing.

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